

Meet Cararise Lubamba



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Profile

Name	Cararise Lubamba
Birthday	December 8, 2000
Birth Place	Lusaka, Zambia
Area of Residence	Chunga
Guardian's Name	Joseph Phiri
Guardian's Profession	Salesman
Guardian's Name	Evelyn Nsama
Guardian's Profession	Maid
Primary School	St. Monica Basic School
Secondary School	Chalo Trust School
2018 Grade Level	Grade 12

Cararise's Family

After Cararise lost both parents, she started living with her aunt and uncle. Her aunt, Evelyn Nsama, is a maid and completed school up to Grade 5, and her uncle, Joseph Phiri, who completed school through Grade 7, sells drinks at a kantemba (kiosk). The aunt and uncle have three daughters of their own who did not complete school and currently are not working. They don't have any financial help from anyone in the extended family. Despite these difficulties at home, Cararise is very focused on her education and determined to succeed. During primary school, she was motivated to excel in her academics and extra-curricular activities to someday make a better life for herself and her family.

Cararise's Educational Background

Grade 8

Among KF's exceptional students, Cararise stands out as particularly brilliant. In her first term at Chalo, she finished with 503 out of 600 points, coming in position two in her class with only another KF student ahead of her. In Term II, she increased her score to 538 points, falling one point behind the top spot in the class. In Term III, Cararise's performance was

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truly extraordinary, as she earned 565 points, finally claiming the top spot. Her teachers wrote, “Cararise is a hardworking pupil. She is also highly competitive and focused. She tackles new challenges seriously and with a positive attitude.”

Grade 9

Cararise continued to perform with her trademark excellence in Grade 9. In Term I, she finished again first in her class and received 541 points. In Term II, Cararise held on to her top ranking and finished with 534 points. In the Grade 9 National Exams, Cararise scored 480 out of 600 points.

Grade 10

Cararise maintained her exceptional results as she began senior secondary school. In the first term, Cararise scored 545 out of 600 points, ranking first position in her class. In the second term, she got 499 of 600 points, earning the second position in her class. The school head teacher said she is hardworking, positive minded towards school and scores above average all the time so she should be encouraged to continue working hard. In Term III, she was very proud to be named as an incoming prefect.

Grade 11

In Term I of her Grade 11 year, Cararise continued her solid academic performance by scoring 519 out of 600 and placing second in her class. During Term II, despite having had to write her end-of-term exams early in order to be able to attend the Yale Young Global Scholars conference in the U.S., she still performed well, scoring 512 points and attaining the third position in her class.

Cararise’s Extracurricular Interests

In Grade 8, Cararise joined and became secretary of the Community Service Club, where she enjoyed planting trees with her peers. In 2015, the club collected clothes and other items and donated them to a Jesus Cares, a local orphanage. Cararise also joined Debate Club in grade 8 where she learned the principals of debate and exercised this new knowledge in the spirited contests with her fellow students.

In Grade 9, she assumed a new leadership role of President of the Communication Forum and Debate Club. She takes an active part in many debates and was recently recognized as one of the best speakers. In addition, Cararise joined a student group called Leaders of Tomorrow. The group fundraises money for children in orphanages and people with cancer. During Term II, Cararise had the opportunity to showcase her performing talents at the school’s talent show in which she acted in a couple sketches, sang several songs, and even rapped. Cararise also takes part in netball, football and athletics.

Cararise is a leader and a role model in KF and at Chalo. She served as a prefect during the 2017 academic year and became the Head Girl for 2018. As she enters Grade 12, she is in leadership positions in all of the clubs that she participates in, including Leaders of Tomorrow, Communication Forum, Treasured Vessels (the school choir), and Chalo’s community service initiatives. She is nervous but excited to take on the challenge of being a leader in so many dimensions of her life this upcoming year.

Cararise's KF Involvement

In August 2016, Cararise was one of three KF students selected to attend the Yale Young African Scholars conference in Harare, Zimbabwe, participating in seminars on topics such as 'The Dark World of White Gold,' which allowed her to explore her interest in environmental issues, and participate in dynamic discussions. The experience changed her approach to deciding on a career, "After learning about liberal arts [education], I thought that not having a career now is not important and that I have to take time and choose a career that I am passionate about."

During term holidays, Cararise volunteers at Chinwgere Clinic. At the clinic, she participates in discussions concerning health and family planning; she helps clean the clinic and files documents. Volunteering at the clinic is teaching her interpersonal skills such as politeness, humbleness and efficiency. Though the type of work that she is doing is not of high skill, it has taught her patience and about the importance of keeping things organized.

Toward the beginning of Grade 11, Cararise applied for and was selected to attend the Yale Young Global Scholars conference at Yale University. During her time in the U.S., Cararise learned a lot about herself and ways that she could structure future career paths to make the world a better place. She participated in the Politics, Economics and Law series of seminars and particularly enjoyed the economics portion (because of her passion for accounts) and the politics section (because it helped her to understand how the U.S. came to be in such a position of power temporarily).

After Cararise returned from Yale, she conducted her work experience at Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI), a health non-profit organization where her mentor works. Her experience there was a positive one, as she got to hear from professionals in various health sectors about what their careers are like. Cararise says that this was exactly the kind of guidance that she needed at that particular moment in time, and it opened her mind to different careers she could do in order to make an impact on Zambia and the world at large.

Cararise's Thoughts

Cararise's ambitions are to go to university to study either finance or medicine in the hopes of becoming an accountant or a cardiologist. She says, "I want to help people because I am being helped and just can't bear the fact that there are children out there in Lusaka who are not in school."

Cararise loves to extend a hand to others because she has been helped. She is very grateful to the KF scholarship because she never thought she would be able to have a quality education she is getting.